



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of : Examiner: Louis D. Lieto
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**TRAVERSAL AND REQUEST FOR
RECONSIDERATION OF REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

Applicant, through his undersigned attorney, hereby traverses the requirement for restriction set forth in the January 27, 2006 Official Action issued in the above-identified patent application. The Examiner contends that the originally filed claims were directed to eight (8) distinct inventions. These were as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-4, 7-10, 28, 29, 31 and 32 drawn to a method for predisposition to rejection by determining the expression level of at least one endogenous telomere binding protein;

Group II: Claims 5 and 30 drawn to a method for predisposition to rejection by determining the expression level of at least two endogenous telomere binding protein;

Group III: Claim 6 to a method for predisposition to rejection by determining the expression level of at least three endogenous telomere binding protein;

Group IV: Claims 11-14 drawn to a kit for screening donor tissue for predisposition to rejection by determining the expression level of at least three endogenous telomere binding protein;

Group V: Claims 15-17, 20-22 drawn to a method of treatment of donor tissues to reduce the risk of rejection;